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Personally speaking



The stray cat

THE couple had not wanted a cat. But the children who brought the scrawny kitten to their door on a cold night had played on their pity. So the kitten gained admission, flea colony and all, and ran crying to the family refrigerator.

The cat's new mistress went to work immediately to transform the little female—for, naturally, that was its kind—into an acceptable pet. She secured for it the tastiest and most nutritious of cat foods—condensed milk, tuna, chicken, liver, etc., and any number of combinations of these. She de-fleaed the little critter and took her to a vet for her rabies and distemper shots when she was old enough for these. She even had her tested, at \$2 extra, to be sure she had no worms.

Because the cat's feet were white and resembled white boots, the mistress, with the master's hearty approval, called her "Boots." And master and mistress loved the cat and rubbed her fur—always the right way—and let her have the run of the house. They even permitted her to loll atop the television set. And they gave her a clawing pole and balls and spools and many other of the things kittens like for playthings.

Then, one day when Boots was well-nourished and her fur was in fine fettle, she suddenly decided that she did not need her master any longer. Was it not her mistress who was her constant companion and the one who fed her promptly and petted her throughout the day? Who was this character, anyhow, who stayed off somewhere else all day and then came home at night and expected her, Boots, to emote over him? (The fact that it was her master who paid the rent and bought the groceries, including the cat groceries, seemed to make not the slightest difference in the cat's attitude. She would run away anytime the master approached.)

"What have I done to deserve this?" asked the master. "I have never stepped on the cat even accidentally and I have always been kind to her."

Suddenly it seemed God was speaking to the cat's frustrated master. "Now you see what it is like between me and my people," He was saying. "I have given you life and I have nourished you and loved you and yet many of you run from me. Some of you would not like to be caught dead in My house. You are indebted to me for all you are and all you have. Yet you are afraid of me and you despise me."

And that's the parable of the ungrateful cat.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

DID you ever wonder how many fellow Baptists there are around the world? At this time prior to the Feb. 5 Baptist World Alliance it seems proper to give you that information. Please see page 6.

SECOND Church, Hot Springs, was host this week to the Arkansas State Convention Evangelism Conference. On page 5 is a history of the church and the greetings extended to the Baptists attending the conference from the people of the resort city.

THE car wouldn't start . . . her glasses were lost . . . it was one of those days for Harriet Hall! You've had them too, we know, and you'll sympathize with her as she tells of her woes and rejoice with her in her solution. Turn to page 15.

WE are grateful and happy to report an increase in circulation in 1966 for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and the Editor tells you about it on page 3. He also comments on such matters of national and international importance as the Dirksen Prayer Amendment, the war on poverty and the Vietnamese situation.

MANY church-state issues face the 90th Congress. W. Barry Garrett reviews them for you in the Baptist Press story on page 12.

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Dirksen 'Prayers'

A NEW "Prayer Amendment," introduced to the 90th Congress by Illinois' Republican Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, is considerably changed from the Dirksen Amendment defeated in the 89th Congress, according to W. Barry Garrett, our Baptist reporter from Washington.

Last year the Dirksen proposal would have provided for and permitted voluntary recitation of prayers by students and others in public buildings. The new revised version states:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer."

Mr. Garrett points out that the new Dirksen proposal backs into some new problems of its own. He suggests the following:

1. Do persons have to be "lawfully assembled" in order to pray while in a public building? If so, what does "lawful assembly" mean? Does it mean an assemblage gathered by the law and therefore a "captive audience"? If a "captive audience" is to be a "prayer meeting" who is to lead it?

2. Does the new draft mean that "ecumenical prayer" is approved for lawful assemblies but denominational ways of praying are forbidden? How about personal prayers that express personal needs? Who is to decide which prayers are approved and which are disapproved?

3. If lawful assembly simply means using the rights now guaranteed by the First Amendment is the new language an open door to "pray in" lobby sessions in Congress or in other public places? How long may such "prayer meetings" last?

This is enough to show us we better do what the Southern Baptist Convention—along with most other major religious denominations—has recommended, stick to the First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

59,000-plus

ANCIENT rulers had a strange and insane custom of elevating or destroying news runners according to whether or not they liked the tidings the reporters brought them. But modern Baptists, for the most part, have risen far above such barbaric and unreasoning practices. Not many readers praise the editor or reporter

because the news is good, or castigate these humble agents of communication because the news is bad.

We are happy to have statistical evidence to substantiate these wise observations. Looking back over the year just closed—a year not unlike any other we have seen in that there was a constant flow of news both good and bad—we are grateful for an increase of more than 2,000 subscribers to the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. According to the records of Associate Editor Juanez Stokes, we mailed a total of 59,218 of our issue of Jan. 5, an increase of 2,208 over the 57,010 mailed of the corresponding issue a year ago.

We hasten to say that, unlike the politician's customary counting of his vote as an endorsement by the public of all he stands for, we do not regard this increase of subscribers as an endorsement of the editorial view of this paper's editor. We realize that some of the subscribers—as one of them put it to us in so many words—may disagree with the editor so frequently and so vehemently that they "wouldn't dare be without the paper." But whether our fellow Baptists take the paper because they like or despise our views or the news, we are grateful when they take it. We could even wish that more who take the paper would read it.

War on poverty

DOING something for the poor to save one's own skin would not rate very high from the standpoint of the do-gooder's motivation. But there is much to support Dr. Frank C. Laubach's contention that the greatest threat to the world's existence today is found in her starving and deprived billions. Dr. Laubach believes, as he put into the title of one of his books, that the affluent of the world must *Wake up or Blow up!*

People go Communist, Dr. Laubach finds, because they are hungry and without hope and are led to believe Communism has something to offer them. The best answer to the world situation is a "war of amazing love" to help the deprived people to help themselves and to become the people of dignity and respect God made them to be, concludes this "apostle to the illiterates." We "buy" that. The war on poverty is one we must win or die.

Ky is the key

PREMIER Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam "is there only because we [the United States] put him there" and if he refuses to negotiate with the Viet Cong to end the Vietnamese war, we should replace him.

This is the latest suggestion of Arkansas' Sen. J. William Fulbright, in his efforts to find a way to an honorable solution to a knotty problem that threatens the security of the whole world. And it makes better sense, in our estimation, than the alternative of running down and destroying every last Viet Cong.

The people speak

In one accord

"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely" disagreed upon concerning the action of the past Arkansas Baptist Convention, being an "eyewitness", I also would like to share my views, Most Excellent Editor!

I would refer our brethern who go to court over the decision reached by the convention concerning the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, to the words of the Apostle Paul in chapter six of First Corinthians. Read down to about verse twelve to get the full impact of what he is saying.

It seems they have taken the Apostle up on his dare!

We will not preach prophetically and judge this generation by the gospel of Christ by carrying the wounds of our self inflexed pride before the judges of this world to be healed. In this case, it is a matter that needs only the appraisal of the One Great Judge and the attention of the Master Surgeon, our Lord Himself.

The Scriptural way (and rather logical way, too), to get Arkansas Baptists "straightened out" is to do something when a majority of them are in one place (Annual Convention, 1967), and in one accord (under the leadership of the Holy Spirit). Or, "Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you!" I am praying this is not our shame, also. — Dan D. Castleman, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Crossett.

Visit to Manhattan

About five blocks from the New York Hilton and Rockefeller Center is the Manhattan (Southern Baptist) Church.

While the church is near the elite "million dollar" section of New York City, it is just over the line in a little less desirable section. Enroute to the church we passed the Calvary Baptist (not Southern Baptist) with its imposing Hotel structure and ornately designed entrance. Not so with Manhattan Baptist. The entrance is not imposing looking; the nite-light sign is unimpressive.

We entered the church through a rather long entrance hall. The interior is of rustic stone with exposed wooden beams. Circulating fans are attached to the sanctuary walls. An upstairs area gives limited educational space.

The Manhattan congregation was cosmopolitan. We saw Chinese, Negroes,

Latin, and white. We saw rich and poor. In front of us was a young executive and across the aisle was a man who could have passed as an ex-wino. The sanctuary appeared to have a capacity of around 200. Does the building belong to the church? No, the people pay a rental fee of \$29,000 per year.

The Christmas music was superb. Mr. Beryl Red, a graduate of Baylor led a 23 voice choir in lovely selections from Bach and The Magnificat, beautifully written by himself. Attendance was good.

Should Southern Baptists have a witnessing voice in the world's most important city? Yes, a thousand times yes. We need a work there to stand in the

company of Marble Collegiate, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, and St. Patrick's.

Will we ever? Only when we get the vision! I'd love to see a million dollars of our Home Mission offering invested in the neighborhood of Tiffany's. The Apostle Paul began in the cities—where the people were—and the Gospel spread from the urban centers. We need a great church in New York City. Somewhere there is a Southern Baptist who could provide the needs I mentioned.

Our church there needs the help of us all. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

— Andrew M. Hall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Baptist beliefs

Predestinated to salvation

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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"Having predestinated us into the adoption of children by [through] Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will" (Ephesians 1:5).

Does "predestinated to salvation" mean that God arbitrarily has determined beforehand that certain individuals will be saved, and, conversely, that all others will be lost? There are at least two things which demand a negative answer to this question. First, this concept violates the personality of man as a free moral agent with the right of choice. Such would make man a puppet rather than a personality. Second, his position is contrary to the abundant invitations in the scriptures extended to all men to be saved (cf. Matt. 11:28; John 3:16-18; Rom. 10:13; 2 Cor. 5:20; Rev. 22:17).

If this is not the meaning of predestination, then what does Paul mean by "having predestinated us . . ." ? A similar thought is expressed in Ephesians 1:4. "He hath chosen [elected us] in him before the foundation of the world." This means that what God did He did before He created the world (cosmos) or man.

The answer may be found in such phrases as "in Christ" (v. 3), "in him" (v. 4), "in the beloved" or "in the one fully being loved" (perfect passive participle, v. 6), "in whom" (v. 7), "in Christ" (v. 10), "in whom" (v. 11), and "in whom" (v. 13). In each case the word "in" (*en*) means "in the sphere of." So the *election* or *predestination* is "in the sphere of Christ."

Now this is quite different from an arbitrary choice of certain individuals to the rejection of all others. Actually this entire passage means that before the foundation of the world God elected a plan of salvation for all men. That plan centered in Christ or in the sphere of Christ. The words "having predestinated" may be translated "having foreordained." This renders a Greek verb which means to define or to decide beforehand. Literally it means to mark out the boundaries of a thing beforehand.

So before the creation of the cosmos God marked out the boundaries within which one may be saved. And these boundaries mark "in the sphere of Christ". All who are in the sphere of Christ will be saved. Those outside that sphere will be lost.

And how does one come to be in the sphere of Christ? It is through faith in Him as the Redeemer (Eph. 1:7, 13). "In whom . . . ye believed." Thus God offers salvation to all men. Those are actually saved who believe in Christ. Those who reject Him are lost (John 3:18). This offer is an expression of God's love and grace. But it respects the free-will of every man. God takes the initiative in offering salvation. Man is free to receive or to reject the offer. But on his choice depends the eternal destiny of his soul.

Second Church, Hot Springs, hosts Evangelism Conference

Second Church, Hot Springs, host for the Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference, Jan. 23-25, was organized as a mission of the First Church, Hot Springs in 1882. On Sept. 10, 1903, it was organized into a church.

Two pastors who served at times of great growth in the church were W. J. Hinsley and O. L. Bayless.

Dr. Hinsley became in 1929 and served for 17 years. He retired from the active pastorate in 1947 and still lives in Hot Springs—now in his 90th year.

Dr. Bayless came to Second Church in 1947. During his 13-year pastorate the church had its greatest growth—passing 2,000 in membership. Four church buildings and a parsonage were erected under the leadership of Dr. Bayless. The buildings included the auditorium where the Evangelist Conference is being held this year. The auditorium, which seats 1300, was erected in 1953.

Dr. Bayless left Second Church in 1960 to become secretary of evangelism



for Colorado Baptist State Convention, and is now editor of *The Rocky Mountain Baptist*.

In June, 1961, Dr. Walter L. Yeldell became pastor of Second Church. Two additional buildings have been erected

under his leadership and the church has taken on another mission, now operating two missions.

In the past five years there have been more than 900 additions to the church—378 of these by baptism.

Hot Springs extends greetings

Pastor Walter L. Yeldell of Second Church, Hot Springs, host to the annual Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference Jan. 23-25, joined his greetings this week to those of Arkansas Baptist State Convention President, Don Hook and Hot Springs Mayor Dan Wolf, in a welcome to those attending the conference.

Said Dr. Yeldell:

"We at Second Church feel honored to be entertaining you and we feel sure that our church will be blessed spiritually because of your coming.

"We will be making arrangements to take care of all those who wish to stay in homes, and for those of you who wish to stay in hotels and motels, we need not tell you that there are rooms galore. It is said that Hot Springs can take care of 30,000 tourists. I've never added it up but I know there are many, many places to stay in this resort city."

Said President Hook:

"From many sources we are hearing that Baptists must get back on the main line of personal witnessing and soulwinning. There are very few problems in any of our churches that a steady and consistent stream of new

converts will not resolve. Problems just seem to disappear when there are additions regularly to a church.

"In the light of this truth should not all of us take advantage of the State Evangelistic Conference at the Second Church, Hot Springs, Jan. 23-25? It is in conferences such as this that we get the inspiration and encouragement to stay on the main line. This year's conference promises to be one of the best. Let's all go!

"Churches, be diligent to see that your pastor gets to attend. Why not pay his way? It will return dividends many times over."

Writes Mayor Wolf:

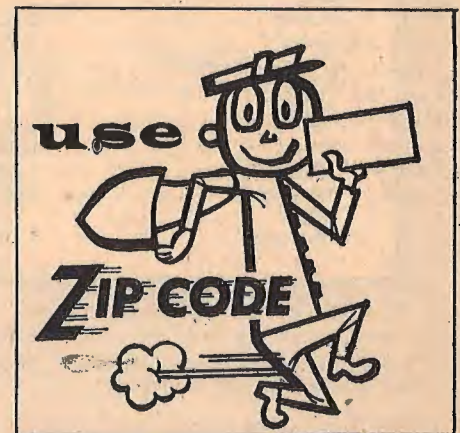
"As Mayor of the City of Hot Springs, it is indeed an honor to bring greetings and officially welcome you, the members of the Arkansas Baptist Evangelism Conference, to our city. We are always happy to have such a fine group come to Hot Springs.

"We are justly proud of the many attractive facilities which the Spa City can offer you. The beautiful lakes in the vicinity provide all types of recreational activities. Perhaps you might en-

joy the wonderful Hot Springs Thermal Baths, which have a history dating back to the days of DeSoto. Also, we think you would enjoy our beautiful scenic mountain drives.

"My most sincere wish is that your conference will be a great success and your visit a most happy and enjoyable one.

"If my office can be of service to you while you are here, please feel free to call on me."





THE WORLD FAMILY OF BAPTISTS

Baptists are known to live and witness in all the 122 countries listed. Where no figure is given, the number is currently not available. In some reports there is a certain amount of overlapping because some churches are affiliated with more than one convention.

AFRICA

Algeria	—
Angola	3,000
Basutoland	—
Burundi	1,509
Cameroon, West*	22,702
Cameroon, East*	15,000
Cape Verde Islands	—
Central African Republic	18,349
Congo Republic	2,221
Egypt	164
Ethiopia	35
Ghana*	3,371
Guinea	—
Ivory Coast	1,343
Kenya	1,776
Liberia*	15,314
Libya	200
Malawi	2,532
Morocco	50
Mozambique	2,250
Nigeria*	69,871
Republic of Chad	—
Republic of the Congo	204,925
Rhodesia	3,624
Rwanda*	1,994
St. Helena	80
Senegal	—
Sierra Leone	228
South Africa*	43,333
Southwest Africa	25
Tanzania	2,129
Togo	65
Uganda	15
Zambia	2,595
Total for Africa	418,700

ASIA

Burma*	212,210
Ceylon*	3,203
China (Mainland)†	123,000
Hong Kong*	20,131
India*	481,610
Japan*	26,351
Korea*	6,600
Macao	753
Malaysia*	2,450
Nepal	—
Okinawa	1,681

Pakistan*	18,425
South Vietnam	130
Taiwan*	10,995
Thailand	4,065
Total for Asia	911,604

CENTRAL AMERICA

Bahamas	30,000
Bermuda	315
British Honduras	117
Costa Rica*	1,041
Cuba*	17,888
Dominican Republic	175
El Salvador*	3,306
French West Indies	—
Guatemala*	2,268
Haiti*	105,000
Honduras*	438
Jamaica*	30,671
Nicaragua	4,182
Panama and Canal Zone*	5,000
Puerto Rico*	7,629
St. Lucia	150
St. Vincent	150
Trinidad and Tobago*	1,471
Total for Cen. America	209,801

EUROPE

Austria*	750
Belgium*	300
Bulgaria*	700
Czechoslovakia*	4,288
Denmark*	7,264
England*	189,512
Finland*	3,235
France*	2,711
Germany*	97,096
Greece	—
Hungary*	19,600
Iceland	55
N. Ireland*	6,235
Italy*	4,990
Luxembourg	17
Netherlands*	9,135
Norway*	6,977
Poland*	2,200
Portugal*	1,108
Romania*	85,510
Scotland*	18,732

Spain*	4,600
Sweden*	30,782
Switzerland*	1,452
USSR*	545,000
Wales*	86,421
Yugoslavia*	3,595
Total for Europe	1,182,265

MIDDLE EAST

Cyprus	—
Gaza	32
Israel	176
Jordan*	175
Lebanon*	425
Turkey	—
Yemen	—
Total for Middle East	808

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina*	16,112
Bolivia*	1,546
Brazil*	243,328
British Guiana	326
Chile*	9,066
Colombia*	3,850
Ecuador	455
Paraguay*	934
Peru	762
Surinam	42
Uruguay*	1,340
Venezuela*	1,415
Total for So. America	279,176

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Australia*	42,114
Guam	225
Indonesia	4,025
New Guinea	4,234
New Zealand*	16,362
Philippines*	38,252
Total for SW. Pacific	105,212

NORTH AMERICA

Canada*	178,470
Mexico*	40,000
United States*	23,851,947
Total for No. America	24,070,417

GRAND TOTAL

27,127,983

** One or more Baptist groups in each country marked by an asterisk are members of the Baptist World Alliance. The full Baptist population may include groups not affiliated with the Alliance.*

† Estimate.

Trial date set for medical center case

Efforts of the attorneys for the defendants to have dropped a lawsuit aimed at restraining the Arkansas Baptist State Convention from releasing the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center as an institution of the Convention failed, in a hearing before Chancellor Kay L. Matthews Jan. 17. Feb. 20 has now been set tentatively for the trial of the case.

A new development in the case was the appearance of an attorney, E. DeMatt Henderson, of Little Rock, before the chancellor as one intervening in the suit "in order that the will of the majority be represented."

Mr. Henderson said that he represented the following who were messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last fall and who voted with the

majority for release of the medical center:

Dr. Jorn McClanahan, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff; Rev. Emil Williams, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro; Rev. Jerre Hassell, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock; Rev. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor of Central Church, Magnolia; and six Baptist laymen: Paul Gean, Ft. Smith, and J. H. Spears, West Memphis, both of whom are lawyers; Roy Jolly, Jonesboro, J. C. Fuller, Little Rock, Wilbur West, Pine Bluff, and H. E. Thrash, Hope.

Motions from the attorneys for the plaintiffs (see our issue of Jan. 12) were overruled by the court except that John A. Gilbreath, administrator of the medical center, was dismissed as a defendant.

Reports on board session

THE Executive Board met in its semi-annual meeting Jan. 10, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, with 60 members present. A number of items of business concern to all of our Baptist people was transacted. We list the items below and will discuss them in detail in subsequent issues of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine:

1. The committees of the Board were named and the dates set for their meetings throughout the year.

2. T. K. Rucker discussed some of the expanded benefits of the retirement plans of the Annuity Board. It is now possible for the churches to pay 10 percent on the full salary of their pastor and other full-time workers through either the Variable Annuity or Age Security Plan.

3. A committee of three, Don Hook, L. H. Coleman and Bo Huffman, was appointed to join an equal number from the Tennessee and Mississippi conventions to make a study of the denominational relationship to Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

4. Some funds were available for the liquidation of the balance of indebtedness on the Henderson College, Arkadelphia, center, and to further expand the facilities at Camp Paron because of the action of the Convention last fall in separating the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

5. C. H. Seaton was asked to continue as associate in the Brotherhood Department with emphasis on the Royal Ambassador program pending a study of the future possibilities of men's work in our state.

6. A plan to implement the action of the Convention last fall with reference to Ministerial Education was set up.

7. The Board also took action with reference to the employees serving as interim pastors. It reaffirmed a previous action which permits the employees to serve a pastorless church no more than four Sundays per year.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Face social issues

Batesville, Ark.—Nathan Porter, Atlanta, Ga., from the division of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Lawrence W. Bottoms, associate secretary of the Division of Interpretation and Research, Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., will speak at Arkansas College during the week of Jan. 30 through Feb. 3. The lecture series will be on religion and social issues.

Mr. Porter is the son of Baptist missionaries and was born in Sampinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Ridgeview disbands

Ridgeview Mission near Weona has voted to disband. The mission was sponsored for several years by First Church, Harrisburg. Trinity Association Missionary L. I. Eppinette said that mechanized farming caused a loss of population in the area.

In other news from Trinity, Providence Church, Trumann, has a new pastor, Victor Faulkenberry of Bay.

Revivals

Camden First, Mar. 5-12; Joe Shaver, Memphis, evangelist; Charles Wright, professor, Ouachita University, singer; John R. Maddox, pastor.



CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER—Staffers in the Music Department of the Arkansas State Convention congratulate W. Hines Sims (center) secretary of the Sunday School Board's church music department, for 20 years' service in the department. They are (left to right): Mrs. Harold Wilson, office secretary, Miss Eleanor Anne Harwell, associate, and Hoyt A. Mulkey, state music secretary. Dr. Sims holds a plaque bearing the signatures of the state music secretaries, who honored him recently at a banquet at Nashville. Also honoring him were seminary music deans and personnel of the church music department. Mrs. B. B. McKinney (right) paid tribute to Dr. Sims, who went to the department in 1946 when the late Dr. McKinney was department secretary.—BSSB Photo

Plan \$8 million OBU expansion

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Ouachita University president, has outlined an \$8 million program of expansion for the school which he expects to culminate in 1980.

"We are expecting around 2,500 students by then (1980) and, assuming that 75 per cent of them will live on the campus, we should be able to accommodate them with two new dormitories for women and five new dormitories for men," he said.

Other facilities in the plan are: An auditorium large enough to seat the student body and the faculty; enlargement of Riley Library (construction is underway); enlargement of Flenniken Memorial Student Center; a multi-storied addition to Hamilton Moses Science Hall; a new infirmary; a major classroom and office building; a second dining hall; an addition to the J. R. Grant Administration Building and other structures.

Construction will begin shortly on

a \$1 million men's dormitory. Dr. Phelps said financial arrangements have been made for this.

A three-story women's dormitory, costing \$1 million, recently was completed, and nearing completion is the speech and drama center to cost \$250,000. Plans for the library annex were drawn by Bruce R. Anderson of Little Rock. Construction has begun on this three-story building.

The Arkansas State Convention approved Ouachita's proposal to sell up to \$2 million worth of debenture bonds to provide construction of the first phase of the over-all program. Dr. Phelps said the program will be carried out in three phases: 1966-70, 1970-75, and 1975-80.

The Ouachita University campus program has been planned by Robert Ruckler, a campus designer, of Norman, Okla. He began the plan three years ago. Landscaping has been in progress for several years.

Christian Civic Foundation

Legislature looks at youth

By W. HENRY GOODLOE

One of the most interesting and encouraging scenes from the galleries of the General Assembly meeting places is to observe the frequent presence of grade school and high school students in groups under the guidance and supervision of their teachers, studying the proceedings of the Legislature. Often the presence of such a group will be noted from the floor and warrant an introduction by the member from their particular District. This fact is significant; it lets us know that these men and women of the General Assembly are not legislating merely for themselves or for their adult constituency, but for the future and the welfare of their children.

Another fact that impresses the citizen observer is the constant presence of the most skillful representatives of the press, and the resulting competent coverage by daily newspapers.

In the current 60-day session, a heavier work load is foreseen than that experienced in any previous session of the Arkansas General Assembly. Midway in the second week, 304 bills and resolutions had already been submitted with hundreds of others in the process of being written or in the planning stage. To clear the way for handling a possible legislative log jam, both houses have adopted a resolution establishing the necessary legal mechanics for extending this regular session beyond the

regular period provided in the Constitution.

Several bills either have or will be introduced dealing with the many problems concerning alcoholic beverages and related matters. Two of these are House Bill 21 and House Bill 22 by Representatives Nance and McCuiston of West Memphis, District 28. H.B. 21 is an act to make it unlawful for any person knowingly to sell, give or otherwise furnish any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21. H.B. 22 by Nance and McCuiston is an act to prohibit any person under the age of 21 years from purchasing or possessing intoxicating liquor, wine or beer. The penalties provided for offenders by both bills are reasonable and salutary. It appears now that both bills have good chances of passage. Other legislators are planning bills to tighten liquor controls and more effectively regulate the granting or transferring of licenses.

Another meritorious bill relating to one of the major areas of concern for our Foundation deals with obscene films. This House Bill 119 has been introduced by Representative Turner of Pine Bluff. The bill makes it unlawful to exhibit, sell, offer to sell, give away, circulate, produce, distribute or attempt to distribute obscene films, and applies to still, slides and movie film of any type.

OBU Parents' Day

"Parents' Day" at Ouachita University will be inaugurated Feb. 4, according to the student body president, Johnny Heflin. Although fathers are honored each year during Dad's Day activities, this will be the first time that a day has been set aside by Ouachita to pay tribute to both parents.

Registration for the event will continue from 12 noon until 3 p.m. in the upstairs lounge of the student center.

Following registration, parents will be entertained by a talent show featuring the Ouachita stage band and the Madrigal Singers.

Also planned are divisional seminars to be held from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in which seven major academic divisions at Ouachita will be discussed. Four OBU students will lead the discussions for each division. Parents have been requested to attend seminars representing the divisions in which their children are enrolled.

Dinner will be served in the Birkett Williams dining hall from 5:15 to 6:30, after which the parents will be admitted free to the Ouachita-Arkansas A&M basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Parents of the players will be seated in chairs along the sideline and will be introduced at halftime.

Greene pastors move

Greene County Association reports pastoral changes during the past month:

J. O. Miles has been called as interim pastor of First Church, Center Hill; Kenneth Morgan has resigned as pastor of New Hope Church after six years service; John Bliss has resigned at Clarks Chapel Church and returned to Jonesboro to live; Rock Hill Church has called Alvie Price, Jonesboro; Fontaine Church has called W. M. Thomas, Jonesboro. (AB)

Memphis conference

In preparation for the Encounter Crusade in Memphis, an evangelism conference will be held in Bellevue Baptist Church Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will include Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas, Tex., and Dr. Cal Guy, professor of Missions at Southwestern Seminary.

Tommy Lane, minister of music at Bellevue Church, will direct a men's chorus composed of 25 male quartets, to the accompaniment of Bill Day, at the organ, and Sherrill Cranfield at the piano.

Gerald Martin, chairman of evangelism, extends an invitation to anyone in the Mid-South area to attend.

Black Rock dedicates

Dedication services for its new educational building were held by First Church, Black Rock, Jan. 15, with Dorsey Crow, former pastor, as morning speaker.

Other guests included Carl Johnson, Southern College, and Missionary Cecil Guthrie. Featured dedication speaker was Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School Department secretary.

The building has five departments, a nursery and library.

Bernard L. Ford is pastor. (DPP)

Aid shut-ins

The W.M.S. of Crystal Hill Church Little Rock, has taken as a community missions project for this church year the Rest Haven Nursing Home at 953 David O'Dodd Road.

They visit the nursing home the Third Thursday of each month with a planned Christ-centered program. On special occasions they take favors for each of the 40 patients.

Mrs. Don Ellis and Mrs. A. B. Alfred Jr. are in charge.—Reporter

Emphasis: People

Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, in response to Pastor Johnny Jackson's New Year's message has adopted an "Emphasis: People" program for the first three months of the year. The goal: 90 people in 90 days. The church hopes to baptize at least 25 of this number.

A seven-point program is planned: Pastoral visitation to members in January and to prospects in February and March; Church visitation for women and men; Soulwinning Commitment Day Jan. 29; a prospect dinner Feb. 9; "Join the Church Sunday," Feb. 12; Sunday School campaign for high attendance for four Sundays; spring revival Mar. 6-12, led by Doug Fray and Archie Fray.

The program will climax Easter Sunday, Mar. 26.

West Fork buys home

West Fork Church, Washington Madison Association, has purchased a five-bedroom parsonage at a cost of \$12,500 and is planning an enlarged program of church activity. Kendall Black is pastor.

There were 15 baptized into the church last year with 17 other additions. Church finances have more than tripled and mission giving through the Cooperative Program and Associational Missions has grown proportionately.



HARLAN PARK TO BUILD—Ground was broken Jan. 14 for a new church building for Harlan Park Church, Faulkner Association. Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention, participated in the services. The mission of the church started July 10 and was organized Sept. 18. Pictured above are members of the building committee and deacons: (Left to right) Dr. Burt Stark, C. M. Cummins, Allen T. McCurry, D. H. Sanders, Lee Shock, Paul Anthens and Dr. Paul Witherspoon.



ADDS TO MISSION BUILDING—Dedication services were held recently at Park Street Chapel, Bentonville, for an ell-shaped educational addition to the building, which doubled the floor space. There was a record Sunday School attendance (above) on that day of 125. John Smedley is the mission pastor. The Chapel is a mission of First Church, Bentonville. Paul Myers is pastor of First Church; and Harry C. Wigger is the associational missionary.

Brothers baptized at 71 and 81

Carl Lilly, 81, and Clarence Lilly, 71, Lonoke brothers were baptized New Year's Day by Pastor Eugene Ryan at Lonoke Church.

Members of a pioneer family, they are the sons of a teacher, also a United

Brethren preacher, who came to Lonoke in 1893.

Present in the congregation were numerous members of the Lilly family, including great-grandchildren of Clarence Lilly. The Lillys for many years have held a family reunion over the New Year holiday at Carlisle.

Praise Nelson Tull

Christian Foundation Life Insurance Company, through its board of directors, adopted a resolution recently expressing appreciation to Nelson Tull as Arkansas State Convention secretary and as a member of the company board of directors since 1958. Mr. Tull retired from his Convention work Dec. 31 after 21 years service.

Professor is author

NASHVILLE—Travis Adams, assistant professor of history and assistant to the dean, Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, has written an article for the February issue of Church Administration magazine.

The article "Church Leaders Need to Know Out-of-Date and Up-to-Date Reasons for Baptist Schools" discusses changes which have taken place in education which affect Baptist schools.

Serves at Furman

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Dr. L. D. Johnson has been named chaplain and professor of Religion at Furman University.

Dr. Johnson comes to Furman from the First Church, Greenville, where he has been pastor since 1962.

Phelps leads study

Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita University, will lead First Church, Fayetteville, in its winter Bible study on the book of Amos Feb. 12-15. Andrew Hall is pastor.

Deaths

DR. FINLEY M. CHU, chairman of the division of business and economics at Ouachita University since 1963, Jan. 17 in Clark County

Memorial Hospital, Arkadelphia, after a lengthy illness from stomach cancer. Before coming to Ouachita, Dr. Chu taught economics and business administration at Oklahoma Baptist University since 1956, and served as a department head and director of the evening college. He was co-author of the textbook *Principles of Economics*, published by Pitman of New York in 1959.

A native of Pingtu, China, Dr. Chu held Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the Univer-



R. L. SOUTH



VICKI HANKINS

Dr. South sets record

Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, has boosted its total income from \$31,468.44 to \$247,646 in the 15 years of Dr. Rheubin L. South's pastorate.

The congregation's gifts to missions has increased from \$2,988.11 to \$44,299 in that period; membership has grown from 409 to 1,648, including 629 baptisms.

Sunday School enrollment, formerly 465, is now 1,561, and average attendance has jumped from 288 to 862.

Dr. South came to North Little Rock in January, 1952, from Fairview Church, Grand Prairie, Tex. He also served Yarbrough Church, Milam County, Tex.

Property value of Park Hill has grown from \$110,000 in 1952 to \$1,300,000 in 1966, plus Indian Hills Mission, valued at \$40,000.

Since coming to the state he has served as chairman of the Pulaski Association, the Pastors' Conference and missions committee, the Arkansas State Convention committee on civil morality, Ouachita University building committee and trustee. He has been co-chairman of Ouachita Endowment Campaign, chairman of the Arkansas State Con-

vention executive committee, Churches United Against Gambling and the budget committee of the North Pulaski Association and vice moderator.

After earning his B. A. in 1946 from Central Institute of Political Sciences in Nanking, he left Nationalist China to study in the United States. When his country was overrun by the Communists, he remained in the U. S. and became a naturalized citizen in January, 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Chu, and a nine-year-old daughter, Jane Chu.

DR. HERBERT MASCHER, 61, who forsook a career as an economist and businessman to become a Baptist pastor and missions supervisor in Europe, at a hospital in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Dec. 29.

vention executive committee, Churches United Against Gambling and the budget committee of the North Pulaski Association and vice moderator.

He was president of the Alumni Association of Southwestern Seminary in 1964 and a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1958-64. He is an executive committee member of the Christian Civic Foundation.

Seven years record

Miss Vicki Hankins, 17, completed seven years of perfect Sunday School attendance on the last Sunday of 1966. The seventh year bar was presented to her during the assembly program by Frank Turner, Sunday School superintendent.

Vicki is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Don R. Hankins, First Church, Dover.

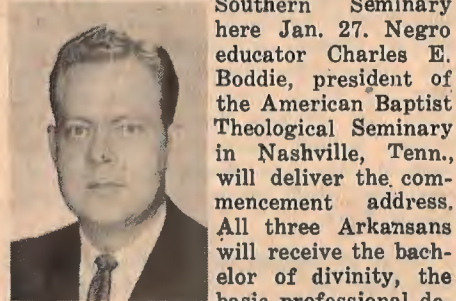
Three Arkansans graduate from Southern



JAMES E. HEARD

HARRY E. WOODALL

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three students from Arkansas are among the more than 100 who will receive diplomas from



C. DEE BIRDWELL

Southern Seminary here Jan. 27. Negro educator Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address. All three Arkansans will receive the bachelor of divinity, the basic professional degree offered by the seminary's school of theology. They are: C. Dee Birdwell, Arkadelphia, and James E. Heard and Harry E. Woodall, both of Malvern. All are Ouachita University alumni.

In addition, former Arkansan J. Q. Williams of Eudora and Robert Shurden of Jennie will receive diplomas, Williams the bachelor of divinity and Shurden the master of theology.

This year, 24 students from Arkansas are enrolled at the denomination's oldest institution.

Music, weather broadcasts carry churches' messages

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — When most churches use radio as a means of communicating, they usually settle for broadcasting a Sunday worship service, but two churches in Oklahoma have taken a different approach.

Southern Hills Church in Tulsa has in effect added a disc jockey to its staff. The church sponsors a half-hour segment of a nightly disc jockey show.

Here in Oklahoma City, Trinity Church sponsors a weather forecast and reports up to seven times each week plus broadcasting its Sunday morning service.

On the air less than six months, the Tulsa church and its program have already attracted nation-wide attention and requests for information from churches in other states. And, say observers, the program has gained staunch support from its members.

Even though the church is sponsoring the half-hour program, there is no religious music played. But neither is there any "rock and roll" or jazz. It's just good popular music, done tastefully by top recording artists. For example:

The last bars of the song, done in the peculiar rhythm made popular by the Tijuana Brass, die away, and according to the radio station foreman, it's time for a commercial.

The quiet voice of Announcer Jack Campbell comes over the radio, saying: "You know there's been a lot of discussion about the Supreme Court and prayer well, the folks at Southern Hills Baptist Church have a message for you on this subject. And that is . . . (slight pause for effect) . . . you can pray as often as you like at their church, and nobody will raise an objection."

As a churchman, an active member of Fellowship Congregational Church, Campbell writes most of the commercials used on the program. Manning and the Southern Hills members have found no objection to them.

At least one night each week the approach is changed as Campbell may talk about his "night people's" problems, their work or their interests.

On these nights, he adds: "The people of Southern Hills Baptist Church are interested in you and in what you are thinking. Right now, they're sitting by the telephone, and they'll be glad to have you call them. . ."

The calls bring all types of inquiries

and comments. People who are ill, despondent, with marital problems or even financial problems call to seek help and request prayer, Manning says.

"We make no demands on the people on the other end of the line," the pastor explains. "We just pick up the receiver, identify ourselves and wait to hear what they have to say."

"Radio doesn't make converts, but it can change an image or create a thirst," Manning insists. Manning says that the money spent on the prime radio time is considered to be well spent because it sends the Church's message to people who probably would never be reached in any other way.

In Oklahoma City, Trinity Church's sponsorship of the weather forecasts over KOCY has met with similar success. Robert S. Scalés, pastor, reports

The Cover



DELIVERS CIRCULARS — *Boston, Mass., May 5, 1773—Isaac Backus of Middleborough distributed a circular with these words, "Our Charter gives other denominations no more power to tax Baptists, than it does the Baptists to tax others." Backus averaged traveling a thousand miles a month in behalf of the cause of religious liberty. The picture shows Backus as he rode through a swollen stream after delivering a circular to a New England Baptist.*

many favorable responses both from his members and from people outside the church and city.

The commercials on the weathercasts are the work of Gene Bartlett, chairman of the church's deacon committee on public relations and publicity, Bartlett is also church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and uses church music for some of the "spots" on the weathercasts.

The commercials feature testimonials from members and staff pointing out the friendly and spiritual nature of the church and stress the centralized location, its music program for all ages, its recreation program and youth activities, and the pastor's gospel preaching. But the commercials avoid taking a bragging approach.

Summing up Trinity's radio advertising project, Scalés notes: "The weather itself is being brought to you by the Sponsor of Trinity Baptist Church. Our Sponsor furnishes the weather, we furnish the report." (BP)

Teachers to confer

Baptist teachers of religion from a five-state area will participate in the annual conference of the Southwestern Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion to be held at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Mar. 17, according to Dr. A. O. Collins, secretary of the association and associate professor of Bible at Houston Baptist College.

The program, which begins at 9:30 a.m., will feature the presentation of papers by members, followed by open discussion of the subjects.

Baptist teachers of religion and religious education at Baptist colleges, seminaries, and Bible chairs in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas are eligible for membership in the association.

New degree name

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Midwestern Seminary here has changed the name of its most-frequently earned degree from bachelor of divinity to the master of divinity degree.

The new title will be added with the beginning of the fall semester and the degree will be awarded upon completion of three years study beyond the bachelor degree from a college or university.

Seminary officials said the name change is in keeping with recent action taken by the American Association of Theological Schools and will be instituted in most major denominational seminaries associated with the accreditation society. (EP)

Congress to face many church-interest issues

BY W. BARRY GARRETT

WASHINGTON—The rapid-fire developments of the first week of the 90th Congress forecasts many stormy battles on issues of concern to church people.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate opened with prayers led by their chaplains. The House members said in unison the Lord's Prayer before they plunged headlong into the bloody fight over the seating of Congressman Adam C. Powell (D, NY, who is also pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem.

No list of charges was made against Powell as the House overwhelmingly denied him his seat until a select committee of nine Congressmen conducts his "trial" and makes a report within five weeks after their appointment by the Speaker of the House, Rep. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.).

Also pending in the Senate is an investigation of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) for alleged unethical conduct in public office. Months are expected to intervene before the Dodd investigation is completed. It was begun in the 89th Congress.

The focal point of these issues seems to be the misuse of public funds by members of Congress for private purposes.

The problem of ethical conduct by members of Congress will thus come into sharp focus during the 90th Congress.

In the Senate the constitutional prayer amendment issue was again put in the hopper by Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) who led an unsuccessful fight last year for prayers in public schools. The 1967 version of his proposal is a considerable modification of his 1966 resolution.

Sen. Sam J. Erwin Jr., (D., N.C.) also has reintroduced his bill for "judicial review" of the constitutionality of certain measures involving government aids through religious agencies.

Erwin's bill passed the Senate last year with little difficulty, but snagged in the House where Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is known to be strongly opposed to it.

Earlier Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), majority leader in the Senate, announced that the 90th Congress would

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have as one of its major tasks to review much of the social legislation enacted by recent Congresses.

This does not mean that it will be repealed but that it will be re-evaluated and adjusted according to the mood of the country, the effectiveness of the ways it is being administered and the needs that are being met.

President Lyndon B. Johnson's State of the Union message also indicated some of the issues ahead. Church leaders and groups throughout the country are taking varying stands on the Vietnam war. The activities of religious groups in relation to the war may pose a new church-state problem to the nation.

The president's recommendations about continued public aid for population control and family planning projects are certain to raise important religious liberty issues from some quarters.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Misunderstandings come easily

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Missionary Mason Peck opposed the introduction of slavery into the state of Illinois when that question faced its citizens. In doing so he found himself in a situation not unlike that of pastors today who face controversial questions.

It seems that in southern Illinois agitators were seeking, under cover, to call a convention to rewrite a portion of the state constitution so as to admit slavery. The legislature had opened the way for calling such a convention the year before, but its real motive had been skilfully veiled.

The governor was originally from Virginia, had inherited slaves, and brought them with him to Illinois with the intent of freeing them. In his opposition to slavery he found a ready supporter in Peck. The missionary quietly, and in as unobtrusive manner as possible, worked to defeat the plan afoot.

Many ministers and leaders found fault with Peck because he advocated so many things we take for granted, which at that time were novel: Missions, education, Bible societies, etc. The slavery question was one more thing his enemies could add to their list of grievances. And they did. Scurrilous attacks without any basis of foundation were leveled against him in the papers. He was the victim of much discussion and tirades. To these he replied with tempered patience, denying the allegations and demanding proofs, which, of course, were never forthcoming.

Of course, he was deeply grieved by the opposition stirred up against him. Some friends were alienated. Of the matters more strictly personal he bore the brunt of the hurt, but where the cause of his Master was affected he lamented the injury caused. However, his diary reflects the fact that the attention drawn to him in this controversy gave him greater opportunity to advocate the work nearest his heart . . . missions, distribution of the Bible, and vigorous support of Sunday Schools.

Some of the issues that will occupy the attention of church groups are: the implementation of the model cities programs, the expansion of housing programs, the care of the sick and aging;

The education of the underprivileged, reconsideration of third-class postal rates, the problems of privacy involved in wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping, crime and rioting, civil rights;

Demands for elimination of capital punishment in federal offenses, adjustments in tax policies and in Social Security benefits, and anti-filibuster rule in the Senate, and reworking the military draft law.

Problems involving air and water pollution, transportation, urban development and international relations will involve church-state concerns in ways that heretofore may not have been considered to be church-interest issues by some groups.

Many church agencies will be affected directly and indirectly by these and other issues that will arise.

In short, federal, state and local attempts to solve the problems of modern society will increasingly attract church concern by all religious groups. Involvement in the public life of the nation is now an issue that can no longer be avoided by churches and church agencies. (BP)

Every Baptist man and boy should know . . .

Once upon a time there was a boy who thought all home missionaries were homemakers.

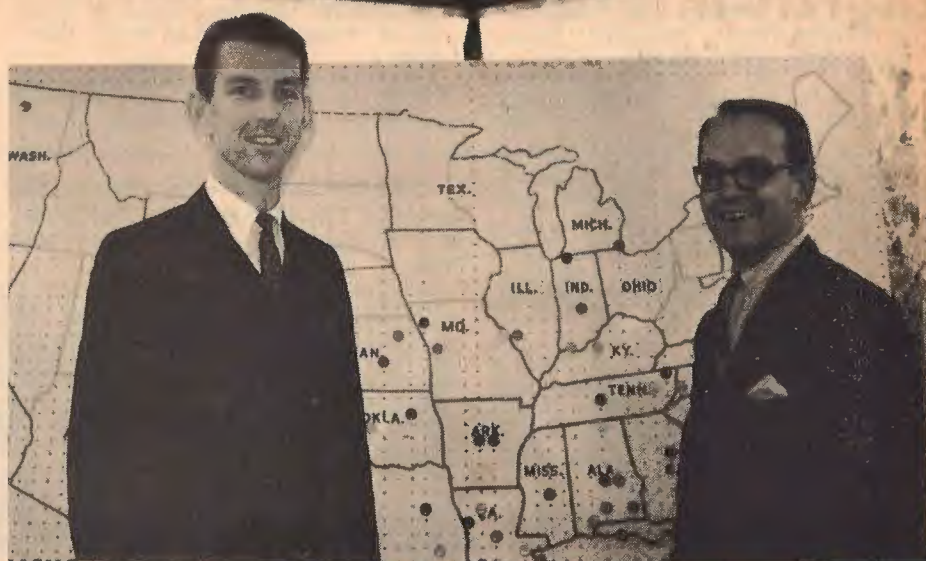
In all of his innocence, he wrote a letter to *Ambassador Life*, missionary education magazine for Baptist boys, suggesting ways missionaries could improve their methods.

"A home missionary," he said, "should keep the home in good order and make it happy, neat, and comfortable. He should check lamps for loose wires—"

February, the time most Baptist churches offer studies about home missions, is almost here, and it's a good time for boys like this lad (and older folks, too) to learn anew the concept of home missions.

Unfortunately, too many Baptists are unaware the Home Mission Board appoints missionaries to work right here in the United States. They think of missionaries as only those who go to other countries to tell people about Christ. They are but one type of missionary and those who tell people about Christ here in the homeland are missionaries too. In fact, every Christian is, or should be, a missionary.

The major objective of Brotherhood is to provide missionary education for Baptist men, Baptist young men, and Baptist boys. Missionary education is not limited to a study program but is best accomplished when combined with well-selected, well-planned mission projects. Mission projects are almost unlimited. There are few, if any, church communities that do not offer mission opportunities and challenges for Baptist men. Suggested mission projects will be included in the Baptist Men's Journal from time to time. Always there is 'the



Youth leadership retreat set

Teachers and officers of Intermediates and Young People in Sunday School together with pastors, ministers of education, youth directors and other youth workers will be interested in the youth leadership retreat scheduled for youth workers May 22 and 23.

Paron Camp, 42 miles west of Little Rock, will be the meeting place for the sessions which will open Monday with supper at 6 and continue through lunch on Tuesday.

Two youth leaders (above) from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be the

mission opportunity to assist in providing guidance for boys through an active Royal Ambassador program.

Brotherhood, in meeting its assigned task, provides missionary education for Baptist men and Baptist young men through study materials and suggested actions and for Baptist boys through the Royal Ambassador organization. — C. H. Seaton

featured conference leaders, at the retreat.

They are:

Mancil Ezell, Intermediate consultant, and Franklin Farmer, Young People's consultant.

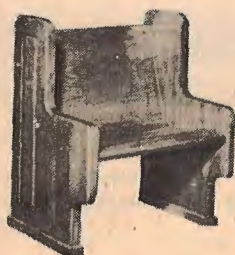
These young men are age group editors of the *Builder* materials in their respective departments of specialization and do field work consultation across the nation among Southern Baptist churches, associations and states.

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Methodists out front

Merger of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren in the United States will make the new group the largest Protestant denomination in America with slightly more than 11 million members.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be the second largest with about 10 1/2 million members. Prior to the merger, Southern Baptists have been America's largest Protestant group.

The Methodist Church had about 10 1/3 million members, the Evangelical United Brethren about 750,000. (EBPS)

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The bookshelf

Luther Rice, Believer in Tomorrow, by Evelyn Wingo Thompson, Broadman Press, 1967, \$3.95

Here is the dramatic story of a great but far-from-perfect man who more than any other laid the foundations of Baptist denominational life in America. The story is written by a Baptist pastor's wife; Mrs. Luther Joe Thompson of First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., who went to Rice's native New England to ferret out hither-to unpublished ed materials.

The story of Luther Rice is that of a man who became an enigma to himself and to others. His life was marked not only by great struggle and accomplishment but also by serious disappointments and controversy.

Broadman Readers Plan books for the last quarter of 1966:

One Last Christmas, by Bill Cannon, editor, general books, Broadman Book Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; the story of how two young people found God's will for them in their love affairs.

The Many Faces of Ethyl, the Disturbing Problem of Beverage Alcohol, by William S. Garmon, associate professor of ethics at New Orleans Seminary;

Go Out with Joy, the lively adventures of a missionary family in language school, by Norma Young Stevens, a missionary teaching at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico.

Broadman Readers Plan books for the first quarter of 1967, just off the press, are:

Baptists Around the World, Stories about Baptists of other lands, by Theodore F. Adams;

Too Old to Learn? by Robert A. Proctor; and

What a Layman Believes, by Samuel J. Schreiner.

Baptists and Christian Unity, by William R. Estep, Broadman Press, 1966, \$4.95

What is the meaning of ecumenical movements? How do they come about? How do they relate to Baptists today?

These are questions Dr. Estep, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, deals with here.

Differences between Baptists in various countries are shown, along with special attention to differences among Baptists within the United States. But the major emphasis is that Baptists around the world are pretty well together in standing for three things that go against the grain of unity movements: religious freedom, independent and democratic local churches; and believer's baptism.

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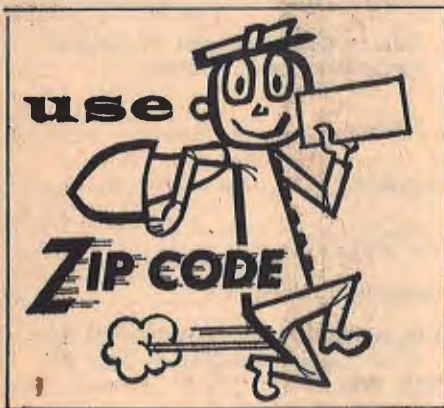
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Organization of the body

THE first order of business before a group is organization. "An assembly is organized when it has a president and a secretary" (Kerfoot, p. 8). Other officers may be needed and can be elected as the body desires.

(Second in a series)

The second step in the organization is the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. This document sets the limits of authority and activity; the requirements for membership; the provisions for continuing operation and other such matters.

Questions on parliamentary procedure are invited. Address to Rev. Carl M. Overton, 109 West Adam Street, Hamburg, Ark.)

The constitution and by-laws of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention illustrates this well. Article II states the purpose of the convention:

"The purpose . . . shall be to awaken and stimulate . . . the greatest possible activity in evangelism, Christian education, and benevolent work . . . ; to cultivate closer co-operation among the churches and to promote concert of action in advancing all the interests of the Kingdom of God."

Article IV sets forth the limitation of its authority. It declares that it is " . . . independent and sovereign in its own sphere." Further it limits its relationship with the churches. It refuses to exercise any authority over a church, and vows not to interfere in the constitution of any church.

The provision for membership is stated in Article III. Clearly stated is a principle of Baptist polity. The convention is not composed of churches, but "of messengers from regular Baptist churches." These churches are to be in sympathy with the principles and purposes of the convention.

This article also sets out the limits—both minimum and maximum—of the number of messengers from each church. By-law 1 provides for the enrollment of such messengers.

Article III makes provision for the seating of messengers from churches "not hitherto affiliated with the Convention."

Continuing operation of the programs of the convention are embodied in provisions set forth in Articles VI, VII, and

VIII and in By-laws 3, 4 and 5. These should be examined carefully by those interested in such provisions.—Carl M. Overton



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

A sense of humor helps

"It just isn't my day!"

Did you ever say that when you were having one of those days when everything seemed crosswise, crooked, and haywire, including you?

The other day was almost like that for me. It started with car trouble on one of those mornings when the temperature was flirting with zero. If you can imagine the Jonathan Winters-type sound effects, you can almost hear that engine verrooom, verrooom, over and over again—then nothing. I'm one of those people who hates to admit defeat—so I worked on that car until I had it good and flooded. I waited a few minutes, probably not long enough, then tried again. Finally my son came out to try his hand—or foot. Fortunately for me he couldn't start it either. You don't want your teenage son to make you look stupid—even if you are.

Next on the scene was my husband to give it a try. He was going to pull the impossible. What happened? He gave it the old floorboard routine, then half-down again, and it started. Fortunately it didn't last. You don't want your husband to make you look stupid either—especially if you've already called the mechanic.

The mechanic came and fixed it in next-to-no-time. I inquired about the cause.

"It just had a cold in its nose..and I blew it," he said, smiling. "Well, I didn't know cars had noses," I said lamely. "I thought it must have had something to do with the carburetor, the accelerator, or the battery." He said, "No." I just wanted him to know that I knew a car had moving parts other than a steering wheel. You don't want a mechanic to make you look stupid either.

Now the car would run, but I had mislaid my glasses. Some things I do very well without glasses—like reading, etc.—but driving a car is not one of them. I looked around the house casually, but the lost item was nowhere in sight. Then I began to look methodically, from room to room. Next came the frantic stage where you look in even the ridiculous places—where you would never leave a pair of glasses.

It's like trying to remember someone's name. The harder you try the more difficult it is. Then you decide to forget all about it, and suddenly it comes to you. I tried it—and it worked. In a flash I had a mental picture of where I had put them—on top of the basket of clothespins in the basement. . . a perfectly logical place for anything! I thought of the woman I heard about who was several years behind in her ironing. She decided to solve her problem by burying it in the back yard. She might as well by that time. We women are brainy creatures. A little absent-minded, but never stupid.

Oh, well, I comforted myself with the thought that even my preacher husband started looking in his Bible for the book of Gideon the other day. This is the same husband who can recite the books of the Bible in one breath and often does!

At the close of a day when everything seems to go wrong, it's probably a day when more than the car failed to get the right start.

"I think I've learned the secret after many a troubled day

You must seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day."

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mr. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

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"For Pete's Sake," from World Wide Pictures, will premiere at Center Theatre, Little Rock, Feb. 9-15. Produced in wide screen and Eastman color, this comedy-drama stars Robert Sampson and Pippa Scott in a mile-high Denver setting, against the backdrop of the Rockies.

"For Petes Sake!" lives day by day with Pete Harper, who has dared to take on big questions about Christianity today, and comes up with even bigger answers. To Pete, God was not dead! was He?

On a damp, gray, Sunday afternoon, Peter Harper was one of a large crowd at Denver's Bear Stadium listening to a sermon during a Billy Graham Crusade. Why was he there? "It was free." It was free, but Pete, his wife, and their son all got more than they had bargained for. Moved by the message, they found themselves going forward. What then?

You will see as you live with Pete and his family during the months that follow and watch them meet the challenges of a Christian commitment.

Robert Sampson, who portrays Pete Harper, also starred in World Wide's — "The Restless Ones," which is still playing to capacity audiences throughout the world. Pippa Scott, as Pete's wife, Marge, is well-known for her Broadway appearances and starring roles in most major television shows. Al Freeman Jr., and John Milford work with Pete in their Denver service station. Al, who starred on Broadway in "Blues for Mr. Charley" and was recently seen in "Golden Boy," adds a special musical message. John Milford is often seen in "Get Smart," "Perry Mason," "F.B.I.," and other television presentations. Sam Groom, Pete's fresh-from-seminary minister, is a familiar face to television fans.

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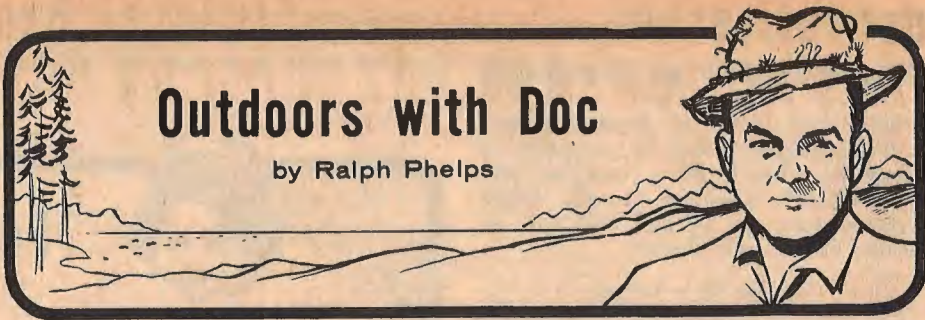
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Outdoors with Doc

by Ralph Phelps



In defense of hunting

Letters of any kind are appreciated by this columnist, for among other things they indicate that somebody has read our hunt-n-peck efforts. We would be less than candid, however, if we did not admit our appreciation for bouquets outstrips that for brick-bats by such a wide margin it's strictly no-contest.

While it is probably a defense mechanism, we like to think that some of the masonry material chunked our way is the result of misunderstanding. Take a recent letter from a lady in northwest Arkansas as a for-instance.

This critic said she could not understand how, in the same issue of the Arkansas Baptist, this writer in a Sunday School lesson could discuss the love of Jesus and in an outdoor column extoll the joy of killing an innocent deer. According to her thinking, the gospel and deer hunting should be mutually exclusive.

Offhand, we cannot recall having thumped the tub for the thrill of deer slaying. As a matter of fact, it has been so long since we killed one that it is hard to recall how we felt. Since we did not fire a gun during any one of this year's three seasons, we had no chance at any psychological spree other than depression or total boredom.

Actually, most of the time deer hunting is among the dullest sports we have ever tried—and that includes golf. It consists mainly of waiting for something to happen which never does, when we are around. Listening to an occasional chase is exciting, but when the action comes our way it inevitably consists of a doe or does stepping daintily a good distance ahead of the hounds.

The reason for our not shooting at a deer is absence of opportunity, not the presence of religious scruples, however. We have not been able to find a New Testament proof text prohibiting hunting, and our conscience was seared over so long ago it doesn't hurt our trigger finger's movement.

Speaking of Scripture, we seem to recall that Jesus assisted with the catching of fish, which must have been allowed to smother since there were not enough jugs of water to keep all those fish alive, and that he also cooked fish, which must have been killed to provide a meal. Jesus apparently had no objection to killing for the purpose of providing food.

We are opposed to those who kill for no reason except the thrill of watching something die, but whatever we catch or kill winds up on somebody's table. Unless one is going to be a vegetarian, some poor, innocent animal is going to die to provide his steak, chops or bacon.

If something like 20,000 deer had not been killed this year in Arkansas during the three gun seasons, a large number would have become prime candidates for death by slow starvation or disease which results from malnutrition. In areas where overpopulation has occurred, deer have become so diseased that whole herds have died out.

Weakened deer are also prime targets of predators, of which there are many in this state. There is nothing particularly glorious about being eaten alive by a pack of hungry wolves or coyotes. A bullet brings a far more merciful death.

Many people decry hunting because they do not know enough of the biological world to realize that the intelligent harvest of game can save wildlife a great deal of suffering. We know a lady who will not allow a quail to be shot on her farm because she cannot stand the thought that the birds will die. Yet biological studies show that 80 percent of wild quail will die each year as victims of starvation, hawks, owls, bobcats, foxes and housecats. A shotgun pellet is merciful compared with a hawk's sharp talons and beak which pulls the bird's innards out.

We don't mean to picture hunters as knights in shining armor about to do great deeds. Most of them are Joes in smelly hunting coats about to have some fun while bringing in food. But we do believe a fellow can write about Jesus and go hunting on the same day without an affront to God.

Institutions ————— Arkansas Baptist Medical Center

FAST ACTION IN HEART SURGERY SAVES MAJOR'S LIFE



Major Joseph B. Jones got to go home for Christmas following major heart surgery earlier in December. He returned to the Medical Center after the holidays.

gist, said that the odds were against the patient in this condition and that quick diagnosis and action definitely saved his life.

Only 73 similar operations have been performed successfully in the United States and this was the first such operation to be performed at ABMC.

Major Jones is a 19-year veteran with the Air Force. He served as a bomber pilot in World War II and flew 30 combat missions over Europe. He was transferred to the intensive care unit after the operation.

Religious Emphasis Speaker Named

Dr. Robert Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church at Houston, Tex., will be the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week April 10-14 for students and hospital employees, Miss Juanita Straubie, director of student activities has announced.

The annual week of activities are held primarily for students but are open to all hospital personnel, she said.

New Pharmacist



Miss June Lum, formerly of West Memphis, is a new pharmacist in the Medical Arts Drug Store. Miss Lum is a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy and worked at St. Edwards Hospital at Fort Smith before coming to the Medical Arts Drug Store.

Assigned To Vietnam

A2C Richard W. Roachell came back to work at the Medical Arts Drug Store during his leave of absence during the Christmas holidays before leaving for duty in Viet Nam. Roachell's address will be AF 18729509, 12th Combat Supt. Gp., A.P.O. San Francisco, 96326.

Base Doctors Praised

A hospital spokesman praised the action of Dr. George N. Cooper, Jr., and Dr. Victor M. Carlo, two Little Rock Air Force Base surgeons, and said their rapid and accurate diagnosis of Major Jones' condition made the surgery possible which saved his life.

The surgery began at 2:30 a.m. and Major Jones was on the heart pump for 13 minutes. During that time his blood was routed through the electric pump attached to polyethylene "lungs." The clots were removed while the pump detoured his blood supply.

Operation On Film

Dr. Harold Langston, ABMC radiolo-

NLR Auxiliary Holds Silver Tea

The annual Silver Tea of the North Little Rock Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was held from 2 until 5 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy at #6 Edenwood Lane in Indian Hills. Mrs. Harley T. Barlow was chairman of the entertainment committee.

In the receiving line were: Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy; past presidents of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Ned Dumas and Mrs. A. L. Davis; Administrator Norman L. Roberts, Jr., and Director of Volunteers Mrs. Gordon Kemp. The sustaining members of the North Little Rock Service League and the present officers of the Auxiliary will serve.

In the past years the Auxiliary has purchased Bed-A-Chairs for patients' rooms among its other projects.

Major Joseph B. Jones, 42, is recuperating from a rare operation—an open heart pulmonary embolectomy—and is happy to be alive. Except for split second action on the part of his wife, Base hospital personnel and a team of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center surgeons, Major Jones would not have survived the serious condition which occurred when his blood supply was temporarily blocked Sunday, December 4.

Major Jones, commander of a Titan II missile base, was at his home on the Little Rock Air Force Base when he collapsed after complaining of leg pains. Mrs. Jones was aware that her husband had chronic phlebitis (inflammation of the veins) and she rushed him to the emergency room at the Base Hospital at 11:45 p.m. Personnel there recognized the seriousness of his condition and notified heart specialists at ABMC.

Surgical Team Waiting

When Major Jones arrived at the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, a team of heart surgeons, a radiologist and technicians were waiting. A heart catheterization was performed and a diagnosis of pulmonary embolism confirmed.

This is a condition in which blood clots, had moved from the patient's legs up to the pulmonary arteries which carry blood from the heart to the lungs. When the arteries become completely blocked, death occurs within minutes. These arteries carry all the blood from the heart to the lungs where the carbon dioxide is released and oxygen is added to the blood.

Cheyenne Nurse Studies ABMC Setup



Mrs. Esther Mehalow, director of nursing for a Cheyenne, Wyoming, hospital.

Mrs. Esther Mehalow, the new director of nursing for Memorial Hospital in Laramie County, Cheyenne, Wyoming, spent a week at the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center December 5-9 observing the organization in nursing service.

Mrs. Mehalow, who will direct a 126-bed hospital which is planning a

new addition, was especially interested in job scheduling and the delegation of duties within nursing service. She visited nursing units, surgery, the emergency room, the recovery room, intensive care and hopes to set up her own nursing service along similar lines.

Her administrator, William Nichols, visited with Administrator J. A. Gilbreath at a national hospital meeting and was impressed with the organizational setup here at ABMC, she said. He sent her to get the specifics.

"I had some misgivings about coming but everyone has answered my questions freely and has been more than helpful," said Mrs. Mehalow. She said that she had never been to Little Rock before and was especially impressed that she saw camellias blooming in December.

She hopes to use ward secretaries as is done here and to follow the breakdown on nursing duty assignments which is in use here.

Mrs. Mehalow said that she took her training in Columbus, Ohio, and was originally from that state. There are three other hospitals in Cheyenne in addition to hers — the Catholic operated DePaul, the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Air Base Hospital. The city has a population exclusive of the Air Base of 40,000.

New Resident In Radiology



Dr. Ralph R. Starks, Jr.

Dr. Ralph Raymond Starks, Jr., formerly of Fort Worth, Texas, is a new resident in radiology.

Dr. Starks is a graduate of the medical school at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif. He also attended Union College at Lincoln Neb., and Columbia Union College at Tahoma Park, Md. He is a native of Austin, Tex.

Dr. Starks became the second radiology resident in the new residency program. Dr. George Grimes was the first and Dr. Orval Riggs, who was originally announced as a resident, did not continue in the program.

NEW TYPE SURGERY RESTORES HEART MUSCLE

The first myocardial revascularization, a new type of heart surgery for Arkansas although many have been done elsewhere, was performed at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center on November 21 by a team of surgeons.

The patient, Charlie Alvie Evans, 64, returned to his home at Manila in Mississippi County on December 10 relieved of pain and on the way to recovery.

Evans had two heart attacks, one in 1956 and one in 1961, which left scar tissue on the heart muscle, cutting off its blood supply. When he came to ABMC this time, he was having painful attacks of angina pectoris, which is symptomatic of arteriosclerotic heart disease. Doctors said it was a matter of time until he had another heart attack, which this time could have been fatal.

After his diagnosis, Surgeons performed an operation in which they took four inches of the internal mammary artery, located under the rib cage, and transplanted it into the muscle wall of the anterior part of the heart. The capillaries of the implanted artery grow into all parts of that section of the heart, increasing its blood supply.

During the same operation, they



Charlie Evans

made an omental graft which encompasses the heart. This involved taking fatty tissue from the abdomen and

grafting it to the outside of the heart as an additional blood supply. Evans got relief soon after the surgery because of the renewed blood supply and, as the new blood supply increases, his heart should function normally and without pain.

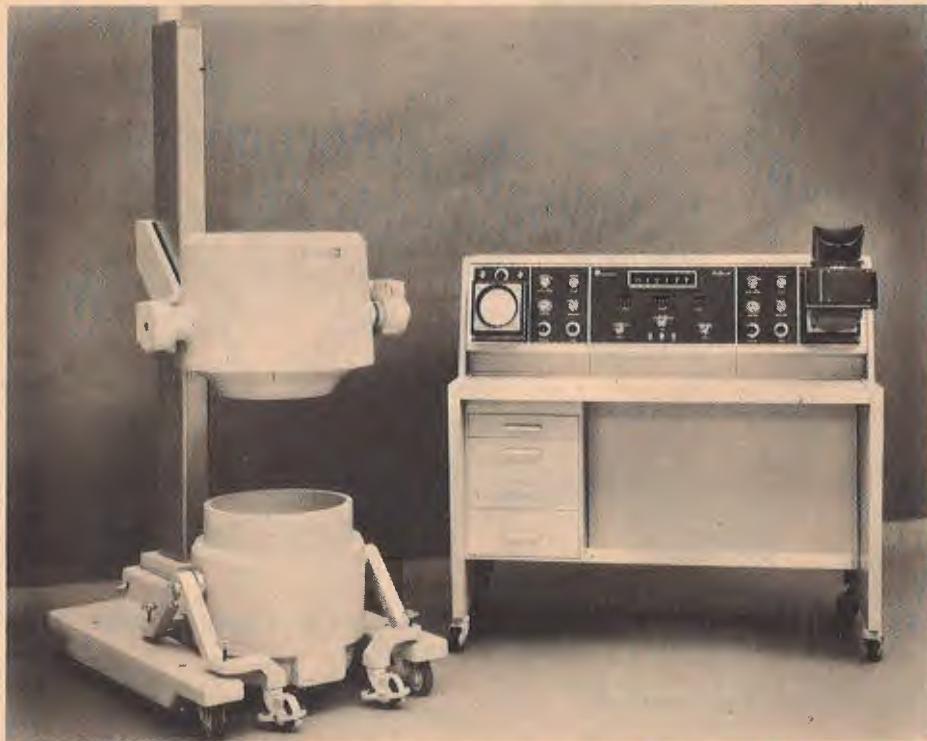
Medical Staff Discusses TB Unit

The medical staff of Arkansas Baptist Center is studying the possibility of accepting tuberculosis patients for treatment at the Center, Administrator J. A. Gilbreath said last month.

The staff was acting on a recommendation by the state Health Department that general hospitals in the state begin accepting TB patients. Gilbreath said that the study would include consideration of construction of isolation units, special nursing staffs and state participation in the hospitalization costs. The final decision will be up to the Board of Trustees.

The Legislative Council earlier this year discussed closing McRae Sanatorium and retaining Booneville TB Sanatorium but decided to turn the problem over to the legislature.

RADIOISOTOPE LAB BUYS GAMMA CAMERA



The new Pho-Gamma Scintillation camera which is being installed in the ABMC Radioisotope Laboratory.

chanical scan, according to Dr. Cooper, which restricts the opportunity to make dynamic studies.

Can Trace Movement

With the new gamma-ray camera, the doctor can follow the movement of fluids labeled with radioactive substance in the body, Dr. Cooper said. It is not restricted to still pictures.

In tracing the gamma-ray camera's history, he pointed out that the first pinhole camera was used by Roentgen 65 years ago and the first pinhole camera for gamma rays was reported in 1949. The forerunner of the Pho-Gamma camera was built by Anger in 1952. To improve the sensitivity of the device, an image amplifier similar to that used in x-ray image intensification was added. Further improvements finally culminated in the present gamma camera in which the image is projected on a large sodium iodide crystal, as in the pinhole camera, and viewed by a mosaic of photo-multiplier tubes. The electronic circuit identifies the X and Y position of scintillations on the crystal and displays them on a cathode ray tube.

The gamma camera reduces scan time substantially from the scanners now in use in the radioisotope lab in displaying images of the thyroid, kidney, liver, heart, lung and brain disorders. Time required for production of the image and permanent record is one to 15 minutes, depending on the isotope administered and the organ under study. The gamma camera is estimated to be three to 10 times faster than mechanical scanning instruments.

A \$32,000 Pho-Gamma Scintillation camera, which projects pictures of complete body organs onto a screen for study, is being purchased for the Radioisotope Laboratory. The purchase was approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting on December 19.

A radiologist explained that the photography produced by the camera relates to the present line-by-line scanner in the same way that a photograph would to a line drawing. Instead of waiting for the time-consuming lines to produce a definitive picture of the radioisotopes collected in the organ under study, the camera produces the outline of the radioisotopes immediately. A Polaroid attachment can make a permanent picture of the screen in seconds for later study.

Cites Advantages

Dr. John A. D. Cooper, dean of sciences at Northwestern University at Chicago, Ill., speaking at a conference which discussed the new scintillation camera, compared its advantages to that of the fluoroscope or cineradiography over the single x-ray film.

He traced the history of radioisotope diagnosis, pointing out that originally when a patient was given a dose of radioactive liquid, its concentration in body organs could then be counted only by a hand-held Geiger counter. He described this as "tedious, time-consuming, inefficient and often very inaccurate."

"With the development of scintillation detectors, there was an increase in the sensitivity for measuring radioactivity," Dr. Cooper said. These required heavy shielding, however, and were also difficult to use. The mechanical scanner which moved automatically over the field being surveyed and, at

the same time, recorded the count rate on a sheet of paper, was a "substantial advance," he said. Still, considerable time is required to complete a me-

December Party For Everyone

Ladies from various Baptist Churches have been holding birthday parties each month for students with birthdays in that month. In December, however, the Immanuel Baptist Church ladies invited all the students to a holiday party and are shown here serving some of the students. From left are: Mrs. Clyde Scott, Mrs. Bob Gladden, Sharon Looney, Joyce McBride and Janice Holland.



SECOND CHANCE

BY ALAN CLIBURN



Dale frowned and lowered his hand. The teacher had chosen another boy to carry the records back to the office. She always seemed to choose someone else. He thought about the past three weeks. Every time he had raised his hand to do something, she would look right at him and then call another name.

"Why doesn't Miss Carter ever pick me?" Dale asked Tommy at recess.

"Pick you!" Tommy exclaimed. "That's a laugh."

Dale didn't think it was funny. He didn't like to be left out of things. He still wasn't very happy when he arrived home. Four times Miss Carter had needed jobs done in the classroom. Four times she had picked someone else, even though Dale's hand was stretched as high as he could put it.

"Miss Carter doesn't like me," Dale told his mother.

"Why, Dale," Mrs. Blake smiled, "I'm sure she does."

"She never lets me run errands or do special things," Dale complained.

His mother didn't answer. She was busy at the stove. "I need some groceries from the market," she said.

"I'll go," Dale volunteered.

Mrs. Blake looked at Dale but shook her head. "I'd better send Karen."

Dale almost wanted to cry. His mother never let him do anything for her, either. She was like Miss Carter. He hadn't gone to the store or taken mail to the post office for almost a month. Karen had done everything.

Sadly, Dale walked to the park. Maybe he could play baseball with the boys from his class. He found the boys standing around, looking impatient.

"What's wrong?" asked Dale.

"This is our championship game," Eddie told him, "but Ted forgot to tell his mother he was going to play. He's our pitcher, and we're trying to find someone to tell his mother he'll be late."

"I know where Ted lives," said Dale. "I'll tell his mother."

Although the boys looked at Dale, they seemed not to hear him.

Ted shrugged. "Sorry! I'd like to play, but Mother will be angry if she doesn't know where I am."

"I'll tell her," Dale repeated.

"Hey, look," said Eddie. "There's Shorty Peters. We'll send him."

Everyone cheered and started getting ready for the game—everyone except Dale, that is. He felt worse than ever. Shorty Peters was only in the first grade, and he had been chosen instead of Dale.

As he walked home again, Dale became angry. He was tired of not being chosen.

What's wrong with me? he wondered. Why won't people let me do anything?

When he arrived home, Dale went right to the kitchen. "Mother," he said, "why did you send Karen to the store instead of me?"

"Don't you know?" asked Mrs. Blake. "Really? When I send you on an errand, you never do quite as you have been told," she explained. "Sometimes you buy the wrong thing, spend the change

on candy, or forget to come home right away."

Dale didn't say anything. He was starting to remember.

"I wish I could send you to the store and other places," his mother continued. "Karen is too small to carry large things. But I must be able to depend on my messenger."

Dale thought for a moment. "May I have another chance?"

"All right," said Mrs. Blake. "I need some eggs from Mrs. Stevens. Would you like to go?"

"I surely would," Dale exclaimed. He went straight over to the neighbor's house and brought the eggs right back.

"Thank you," his mother said. "If you think about it, you may discover the reason your teacher hasn't been choosing you to help at school."

Dale remembered the time he forgot to check the lids on the paste jars. All the paste had dried up. He remembered the time he was carrying some phonograph records to the office. He had put them on the floor while he stopped to get a drink and talk to a friend. Someone had stepped on them and had broken every record.

"I'll ask Miss Carter for another chance, too," Dale decided.

Of course, the teacher was happy to give him a second chance. She was even happier when Dale did everything he had said he would do.

"From now on," she smiled, "you'll be known as Dependable Dale."

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Jesus accepts the cross

BY TAL D. BONHAM
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Life and Work
January 29
Mark 8:31; 14:32-46; 15:28-37

In the first act of *Eastward in Eden*, Emily Dickinson said, "Where I come from, they believe that denial is essential to salvation by way of discipline. If you haven't a cross to bare, you must go out and find one as Jesus did." Dr. Charles Wadsworth replied, "Jesus did not seek a cross; it was thrust upon him."

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus started teaching his disciples that he must go to the cross. Before this time, Jesus had said very little about his death. It seemed so fitting that Jesus followed Simon Peter's great confession with an explanation of the kind of Messiah he would be.

God and friends

It was on Mother's Day several years ago when the oldest son of a dedicated Christian couple was killed in a grueling automobile accident about 200 miles from home. Upon hearing of the tragedy, I went to the home in an effort to comfort the two sisters and parents. I could not hold back the tears as I prayed on Mother's Day with this mother who had lost her only son.

It seemed that everyone was wanting to help and no one knew exactly what to do. As I left, I asked the father if he knew of anything that I could do. I shall never forget his reply: "Just to know that God in Heaven cares about us, and our friends are with us, is enough."

This somewhat expresses what must have been in the heart of Jesus on the night that he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus took Peter, James and John with him into the grove for prayer. He soon found that they would not support him during this crisis. The cross was not easy for Christ. He was "sore amazed" and "very heavy" (v. 33) as he prayed. The former phrase is an expression that describes the shock that a soldier has the first time he is thrust into battle on the front line. The terrible shock of the cross caused Jesus to desire an escape from its suffering but his battle with the cross seems to be won with his affirmation, "not what I will, but what thou wilt" (v. 36). After repeated failure on the part of the disciples to stand by him in prayer during this time, he finally announces that he has won the victory in his acceptance of the cross.

The kiss of denial

But how did Judas know to come to the garden of Gethsemane? No doubt Jesus made a practice of coming to this place for prayer. Judas knew that when he could not find him in the upper room, he would find him in the quiet garden of prayer. Of course, Jesus was easily recognized. However, in the dimness of the garden, lit only by the flare of the torches, the enemy needed a definite indication of their prisoner. It was customary to greet a rabbi with a kiss. It was a sign of respect and affection for one's teacher.

The mob was made up of the chief priests, scribes, and elders. These were the three sections of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court. Under Roman jurisdiction, the Sanhedrin had certain police rights. For some reason, they felt justified in pressing these rights to the outskirts of Jerusalem that particular evening.

Come down from the cross

As Jesus later hung upon the cross, he faced the temptation to come down from the cross. But, as General Booth once said, "It is because Jesus did not come down from the cross that we believe in him." Jesus had accepted the

cross in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was not now his to reject.

Can any man understand the suffering and anguish of the cross? Even the sun refused to look upon the cross at midday. His cry of desperation, "Why hast thou forsaken me?" expresses the agony of his last moments upon the cross. He hung between heaven and earth—a part of neither. Jesus Christ had never known the consequences of sin in his life because he was sinless. Sin separates us from God. Could it be that in this moment of suffering Jesus felt the separating burden of the sins of mankind? Certainly God had not forsaken him for "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (I Cor. 5:19).

It is finished

At last on the cross, Jesus cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He had accepted the cross and won its battle. The strength that he had gained in Gethsemane had sustained him at Calvary.

The cross had been thrust upon him. The Devil had tempted him to bypass the cross and take a short cut to Messiahship. He refused Satan's temptations. Simon Peter had rebuked him for claiming his cross at Caesarea Philippi. Jesus' reply to Simon was, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me" (Matthew 16:23). Now, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faces the difficulty of the cross again. But, thanks be unto God, he did not reject the cross. He accepted it and became our Savior!

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Messiah and His mission

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
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Luke 9:18-22; 57-62

From the beginning of his ministry to the end, Jesus gave every indication that he was working under a divine imperative and that no personal or social pressure could cause him to swerve from the course God had sent him to follow. While his own concept of his mission was clear, that of the multitudes who thronged around him was often obscure or totally wrong. Many followed him for excitement, for what he could do for them physically, or in the seditious hope that he would lead an uprising and overthrow their hated rulers.

One of our Lord's major tasks as he prepared laborers to carry on the work after he would depart physically from their ranks was to bring into sharp focus his own role and that which they were to fill in building the kingdom of God among men. Today's lesson deals with two passages from Luke's Gospel which show our Lord engaged in this task.

I. The Messiah's mission, 9:19-22.

As Jesus journeyed toward Caesarea Philippi with the Twelve, they paused for prayer; and he used this quiet moment away from the teeming crowds to test their conception of himself. "Who do the people say that I am?"

The apostles answered, giving various popular speculations: John the Baptist, Elijah, another of the old prophets who had come back to life. Then Jesus hit the heart of the matter: "But who do you say that I am?"

To this Peter replied in what has come to be known as the Great Confession, "The Christ of God!" The New English Bible translates his reply, "God's Messiah."

That was the right answer, for Jesus was far more than a good man or great teacher; he was the long-promised Messiah or Saviour. He therefore commended Peter, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah," although Luke's record does not contain this approbation.

For practical reasons in his immediate work, Jesus expressly told them not to say a word to anybody about this. There was other work to be done before this conviction which Peter had reached should be advertised abroad.

At the same time, he warned the group of the inevitability of the Son of Man's great suffering; of his repudiation by the elders, chief priests, and scribes; of his death; and of his being raised to life again on the third day.

The juxtaposition of this preview and Peter's confession would seem to indi-

cate that Jesus wanted to stress the type of Messiah he was to be—the Suffering Servant type—and to preclude their reading into his mission any political overtones. Rather than brad the noses of the hated power structure, he was going to be murdered by it. Yet out of this catastrophe would eventuate God's ultimate purpose in his incarnation.

II. The Messiah's followers, 9:57-62.

As the days before his death were running out, Jesus resolved to go from Galilee in the north to Jerusalem, the major city of Judah in the south. Along the way, three different men volunteered to follow him, as we see recorded in these six verses. His responses to them indicate much about his own mission and that which those who follow him are apt to encounter.



.... Noting the 400,000 divorces in America each year, columnist Sydney A. Harris lists five reasons for so many marriage failures: (1) people live longer than they used to; (2) they move about more, and don't have the roots they used to; (3) more people have more money and they are able to obtain a legal divorce; (4) women have become more educated and more independent, and thus less willing to endure a slave-like marriage; (5) expectations of satisfactions in marriage are higher than they used to be.

.... The 90th Congress will have 55 Baptists in its membership, 109 Roman Catholics, 93 Methodists, 83 Presbyterians, 68 Episcopalians, 18 Jewish, and a number of other denominations. For the first time, the Greek Orthodox and the Seventh-Day Adventists have representatives in Congress.

.... At a recent woman's club meeting, according to the Wall Street Journal it was estimated that 25 percent wore rouge, 35 percent tinted their hair, 80 percent had permanent waves, 90 percent wore nail polish, 85 percent wore eyeshadow, 100 percent used lipstick, 75 percent plucked their eyebrows and 10 percent wore false eyelashes and other cosmetic camouflage. Their subject for discussion: "Deceptive Packaging."

The first man declared, "I'm going to follow you wherever you go." Jesus saw lurking in the man's heart some improper motive—perhaps the hope of material gain—and made it clear that there was no earthly end to such a journey. "Foxes have their holes, the birds their roosts; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (9:58, NEB). Following him would be an outcast's lot.

To a second man Jesus said, "Follow me." But the man said, "Let me go and bury my father first." Jesus responded, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. You must come away and preach the kingdom of God."

At first glance Jesus' reply seems brutal, for the man's request was certainly a reasonable one. Some have suggested that the man's father was still alive, that he wanted to stay home until the old man died, bury him, and then follow Jesus. There is nothing in the text to indicate this, however; and it is more probable that Jesus was trying to startle the man into realizing the extent and depth of devotion involved in discipleship. The lesson would impress all hearers with the strictness of Christ's demands.

Another man said, "I am going to follow you, Lord, but first let me bid farewell to my people at home." To this Jesus replied, "Anyone who puts his hand to the plow and then looks behind him is useless for the kingdom of God." To rebut this attempt at procrastination, Jesus chooses a figure from agriculture; just as the plowman must look ahead to plow a straight furrow, so must Christ's followers concentrate on what lies ahead.

All three of these men were candidates, not just for discipleship, but for participation in the public ministry of Christ—something requiring complete devotion, leaving home, forgetting lesser concerns. Like their Lord, those who follow Jesus Christ properly must do so with total, undivided loyalty and commitment. This is summed up best in Luke 9:23, translated by Phillips as follows: "If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps, he must give up all right to himself, carry his cross every day and keep close behind me."

When we compare the lives of most of us with the standards which Jesus set, we appear a sorry lot.

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Camden			
Culldale First	431	152	
Crossett	537	120	
Mt. Olive			
El Dorado	222	98	
East Main	323	105	4
Ebenezer	176	69	3
First	775	493	1
Immanuel	466	154	
Forrest City First	527	156	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	149	79	
Greenwood First	316	133	
Gurdon Beech St.	162	73	
Harrison Eagle Heights	251	110	
Imboden	119	71	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	130	84	
First	436	142	1
Marshall Road	262	146	3
Jonesboro			
Central	553	174	2
Nettleton	287	116	1
Lavaca	278	130	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	184	106	
Immanuel	1,245	384	6
Life Line	566	129	9
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First	352	128	3
Second	242	133	3
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	655	161	1
South Side	30	17	
Calvary	426	149	1
Forty-Seventh St.	217	97	4
Gravel Ridge First	171	89	5
Runyan Chapel	67	37	
Harmony	58	39	
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Paragould Mt. Zion	125	66	
Pine Bluff			
First	860	180	3
Green Meadows	97		
Second	263	81	6
South Side	789	234	20
Tucker	37	24	2
Watson Chapel	237	105	
Springdale			
Berry St.	114	59	5
Elmdale	308	96	6
First	444	129	
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How about Grandma?

The trouble with being a parent is that by the time you're experienced, you're unemployable.

Verse Two

Message inside Chinese cookie: "Please disregard message in previous cookie."

A Smile or Two

New twist

Stopping along the road to buy some peaches, I commented to the farmer that they were rather small; to which he replied, "Yup."

Returning past the same place a few days later I remarked to the man that the peaches he sold me were not very tasty. The old gentleman nodded wisely and said, "Lucky they were small, ain't it?"

Bird brain

The carrier pigeon showed up eleven hours late with his message.

When they asked him what happened, he said, "Nothing! It was just such a nice day I decided to walk!"

Please!

A fellow was going into surgery. In the operating room they found a piece of adhesive pasted on his skin.

Written on it was the reminder, "THINK!"

Ides of March

The income tax is really something . . . who said you couldn't be wounded by a blank?

Sad song

Father listened to his seven-year-old scratch away on the violin while the hound dog howled dismally.

As the practice session wore on, the father finally asked the boy, "Can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

Oldie

"I want a ticket to New York."

"By Buffalo?"

"I guess that's OK, if the sad-dle's comfortable."



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In the world of religion

Unity symbol

NEW YORK—Vice President Hubert Humphrey, dedicating the Tri-Faith Chapeis Plaza at Kennedy International Airport, hailed the inter-religious site as a "symbol of the essential unity of our great religions" and a "pledge of their united determination to make this a better nation and world."

He urged Americans to let the chapel plaza stand "as a symbol of the peace which prevails among us here in America, despite our diversity, and as a pledge that we shall never cease to work for peace with justice and freedom throughout the world."

"For there is no quick and easy way to peace—it must and will be built out of the cumulative acts of men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of their fellowmen—and therefore to the service of God." (EP)

Goals through prayer

RIDGEFIELD, N. J. — The Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association has issued a call for prayer at the start of its 50th anniversary year.

"Great concern was expressed lest the member missions of this jointly sponsored IFMA-EFMA convocation (Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission) fail in fulfilling the resolutions proclaimed in the declaration," said J. Morris Rockness, president of IFMA, in introducing the call to prayer. "We recognized that the goals would never be attained in the energy of the flesh, and I was instructed by the delegates (to the annual IFMA Annual Meeting) to issue an urgent call to prayer." (EP)

Graham in Saigon

SAIGON—Evangelist Billy Graham described a war more widespread than the conflict in Vietnam—the "world . . . spiritual war between good and evil," as he addressed 2,000 servicemen on a soccer field at Tan Son Nhut Airbase here.

"I can assure you," Billy Graham said as he addressed the troops during one of the first stops of his 10-day Christmas visit to the battle zone, "that you are in the prayers and thoughts of millions of Americans from coast to coast who are proud of the job you are doing out here . . . There is only one war in Vietnam, but there is a world war, a spiritual war between good and evil. Is there any hope for peace? There's only one way we can find it: that is in Jesus Christ." (EP)



CONVENTION SETTING—The Danube canal cuts between buildings occupied by various Austrian government ministries, an adult education center and apartment dwellers in Vienna, a city of 1 1/3 million people. Here the next European Baptist Congress will convene in the summer of 1969. Baptists, in eight churches and five missions, number 750 in all Austria. There are two churches in the capital city. Congress attendance will approach 5,000. (EBPS Photo from Vienna Tourist Bureau)

Feb. 5 is BWA Sunday

WASHINGTON, D. C. Officials of the 23-million-member Baptist World Alliance have urged that Baptists and all other Christians "magnify the Lordship of Christ, that the love of God and His Peace may reign in men's hearts everywhere."

The plea is voiced in a Baptist World Alliance Sunday message issued by William R. Tolbert Jr. of Monrovia, Liberia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and the organization's three secretaries.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that Baptists in more than 100 countries will participate in the B.W.A. Sunday observance on Feb. 5.

"It is a time when congregations around the world give special thought to the work of all Baptists everywhere," Dr. Nordenhaug said.

The day will be observed with special sermons and prayers in the churches, and many communities will arrange rallies wherein all Baptists in an area will come together for fellowship irrespective of the particular "convention" to which they belong.

Dr. Nordenhaug said that of the world's 27 million Baptists in more

than 100 countries, 23 million of them are members of the 80 national conventions and unions affiliated with the Alliance. The alliance is a loosely-knit fellowship through which the autonomous national bodies cooperate in communications, relief, doctrinal study, and efforts in the fields of evangelism and human rights. (BWA)

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